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Mr. Ben Piscitelli,  
Public Information Officer,  
Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I would like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order. I'll do the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Brad Sinott?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All here and accounted for.

The first item on the agenda is the approval to transfer money to the Sheriff's office for election security which includes all three of our locations, here at 280, the Vote Center, and at the warehouse. And, actually, this starts this afternoon. They're going to do a bomb sweep at 5:00 and after that we are on. The election will be all set and ready to go for tomorrow morning.

1           Because of budgetary reasons we had to  
2 transfer the money over to the Sheriff's office as  
3 opposed to how we've done it in the past and so we  
4 need to -- this Board needs to authorize us to move  
5 \$130,000 from our account to, I guess, the Sheriff's  
6 account.

7           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If any of the  
8 members do have any questions, Gary Collins and Zak  
9 Talarek are here from OMB if you do have any  
10 questions about this. This does include for  
11 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week patrol of the Early  
12 Vote Center to make sure that location is secure at  
13 all times.

14           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And Bill suggested,  
15 this is different than what we've done in the past,  
16 so I'll ask the staff here how we've done it in the  
17 past and why we're doing it differently, and if we  
18 need to turn to our friends from -- is it OMB or OBM?

19           MR. TALAREK: OMB.

20           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: OMB.

21           DIRECTOR ANTHONY: In the past the  
22 Sheriff would just submit the bill to, I believe, the  
23 commissioners or to whomever and the bill would be  
24 paid.

1           Now they -- since we're the party that  
2 wants to hire them to do the protection, it has to  
3 come out of our budget now. So that's, from my  
4 understanding, the process, and it's a very naive  
5 understanding of it, but in order to make it happen,  
6 we do have the money to make it happen and also this  
7 will include, if we have to, if whatever the last  
8 three days are, so it includes that, so it includes  
9 everything that needs to be included and it's  
10 something that we really don't have the luxury of not  
11 doing.

12           BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Bill, is this  
13 expenditure within the current budget?

14           DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

15           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I guess I believe all  
16 that, but since you've suggested yourself it's  
17 different, I would invite a representative of OMB  
18 just to give us 30 seconds, if you wouldn't mind, on  
19 why we're doing it. Is it just the tight budgets?

20           MR. TALAREK: I think that way and also  
21 too --

22           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm sorry, we're  
23 creating a public record, if you wouldn't mind --

24           MR. TALAREK: Zak Talarek with the Office

1 of Management and Budget. One benefit of doing it  
2 this way is that we don't duplicate the expense.  
3 Rather than having the Sheriff incur the expenditure,  
4 invoice you, and then you processing the invoice;  
5 once we move the appropriation, on your side it's  
6 done and then the Sheriff's office has the budget to  
7 pay for the overtime expenditures. So it's kind of  
8 not a duplicating effort this way with the Sheriff  
9 incurring the overtime personnel expense, submitting  
10 an invoice to you, and then having your office  
11 process the invoice and reimburse the Sheriff's  
12 office.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Thanks.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I  
15 move that the Board authorize the Director and Deputy  
16 Director to transfer \$130,000 from the Board of  
17 Elections' budget to the Franklin County Sheriff for  
18 security during the 2012 General Election.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,  
22 say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

1           The next item on the agenda is the  
2 Election Day machine allocation formula. You'll see  
3 in your packet, Exhibit A, we had to make minor  
4 changes in this. I don't know if we highlighted the  
5 changes.

6           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We did not  
7 highlight the changes in here, but because of the  
8 number of absentee requests that have come in so far,  
9 we are permitted, according to the Secretary of  
10 State's office, to use that in our allocation  
11 formula, so this was done last week. That does  
12 include the number of absentee requests.

13           Obviously, since we did the allocation a  
14 month or two ago, we've obviously gotten in a number  
15 of registrations also that have moved up the number  
16 of registered voters per voting location, but we're  
17 able to subtract out the number of people who have  
18 requested an absentee ballot be mailed to them.

19           This formula that is presented to you in  
20 Exhibit A allocates machines currently at one machine  
21 for every 165 registered voters, which is better than  
22 the 175, one machine for every 175 voters that is  
23 prescribed by the Secretary of State's office. So we  
24 are already under that threshold, even with using --

1 we've got 100 voting machines up at the Early Vote  
2 Center.

3           So this allocation actually, even though  
4 it's already better than what we need to do, will get  
5 even better as the number of absentee requests go up,  
6 as the number of people vote up at the Early Vote  
7 Center, et cetera. So we're already better than  
8 where we need to be and it will only get better.

9           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But the effect of this  
10 reallocation is that we're reducing machines in some  
11 places where we've already reduced the number of  
12 voters per machine.

13           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Obviously, if  
14 there had been a spike in registration, more machines  
15 are going there. If there's been a huge number of  
16 absentee requests for some reason, we may not need as  
17 many machines in that location. But across the board  
18 in general it's allocated -- it's gotten us a better  
19 ratio of machines to registered voters, which is a  
20 good thing for us.

21           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't remember the  
22 old number, the old temporary number, but I see 4,414  
23 machines; that's roughly the same.

24           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: It was 4,430 on

1 the last one. We will find additional usage for the  
2 16, between that one and this one, that will make  
3 this even better as we move forward.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And I might add that  
5 there will still be a minimum of three machines per  
6 location, regardless of the size of the location. So  
7 we kept that the same as we did in the current  
8 formula, the existing formula.

9 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: How many machines  
10 are actually being moved from the original allocation  
11 because of the study of absentee requests?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: My calculation says  
13 16, I think.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Sixteen.

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Just 16  
16 county-wide.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

19 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Is the Board ready  
20 for a motion?

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes. Oh, wait a  
22 minute.

23 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Is there a  
24 minimum? Does anyone know what the minimum ratio is?

1 I guess 165 is the maximum, right?

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 175.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have to do it  
4 at least 1 to 175. This ratio right here is at 1 to  
5 165.

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But we have to have  
8 three machines at a polling location.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Not necessarily.  
10 We set that.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We set a minimum  
13 of three at any location. Even the smallest location  
14 we have, as you can see on here, Valley View Village  
15 Hall only has 409 registered voters, 33 have already  
16 requested an absentee ballot, so we only have 375  
17 people, we're going to go ahead and allocate three  
18 machines there anyway. We set the formula at a  
19 minimum of three. We set the maximum, you know, at a  
20 hundred or something like that; we're nowhere near  
21 that at any location around the county.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

23 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the  
24 Board adopt the revised voting machine allocation

1 formula compiled by the Board staff for the  
2 November 6, 2012 General Election found in Exhibit A.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'll second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,  
6 say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the  
9 agenda, since we have all these holidays coming right  
10 during the November election cycle, we are -- our  
11 employees will have to work Veterans Day. We'll be  
12 right in the middle of the provisional vote,  
13 tabulation counting period, and we normally have all  
14 hands on deck, we have to do a lot of research and a  
15 whole bunch of Board work in order to get those done  
16 by the 17th of November, so we would like to move the  
17 November 11th holiday to the Monday before Christmas  
18 which would be December the 24th.

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Monday, November  
20 12th or 11th?

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No; the 11th. We move  
22 the --

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Sunday is the 11th.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Veterans Day this

1 year, November 11th, falls on a Sunday.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And the county  
4 holiday will be on Monday, November 12th, but either  
5 day we're still going to be in the midst of checking  
6 provisional ballots.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And we have done this  
8 kind of --

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- accommodation  
11 before, and the timeliness of this happens to be,  
12 we're still digesting a lot of material from the  
13 presidential election.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

16 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Will the Board  
17 observe the Columbus Day holiday on October the 8th?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. At a meeting  
19 prior to this we moved that holiday to right  
20 before -- the day before Thanksgiving.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Day after  
22 Thanksgiving.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Day after  
24 Thanksgiving.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Day after  
2 Thanksgiving.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Which is what we -- we  
4 have been doing this for as long as I can remember.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We did it earlier  
6 in the year with President's Day, I think, because we  
7 were leading up to the primary election then, so we  
8 did it with President's Day.

9 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Is the 4th of July  
10 still on July 4th here?

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

12 (Laughter.)

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, I think one time  
14 we moved that -- no. I'm kidding.

15 (Laughter.)

16 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Just don't buy  
17 any presents for anybody.

18 (Laughter.)

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
20 move that the Board office be closed to the public on  
21 Monday, November 12th, 2012, but that employees come  
22 to work for their regular schedule. For working a  
23 holiday, the Board will instead close on Monday,  
24 December 24th.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,  
4 say aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

7 The next item on the agenda is a mailing  
8 to voters who have not voted an absentee ballot or  
9 who have not voted at the Early Vote Center.  
10 Possibly a week or two weeks before the election we  
11 would like to send a notice to those individuals,  
12 advising them as to where their polling location will  
13 be for Election Day, and we would send that out the  
14 week before so that folks can get it so that they  
15 will know where their voting location is.

16 And I forgot the cost. I don't have the  
17 cost in my head for that.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Well, there's a  
19 couple of things with the cost of this. We have  
20 gotten a quote on -- we estimated that this would be  
21 around 450,000 pieces of mail. We got a quote for  
22 around \$22,000, I think it was 22,700, somewhere in  
23 that neighborhood for the printing.

24 The question that still remained was

1 exactly what rate this mailing would mail at and that  
2 is a question -- I haven't gotten an answer, a clear  
3 answer to yet, to have this more, you know, authorize  
4 the Director and I to proceed with this. I've heard  
5 anywhere from 11.8 cents to 35 cents a piece to mail  
6 them. Well, obviously, on a 450,000 piece mailing  
7 that's quite a difference in expenditure there, but  
8 the cost of producing it was about \$22,700 for the  
9 printing of such a mailing.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: In the estimate of  
11 450,000, give or take, I take it is based on our  
12 estimate of turnout and Early Vote backed out of it,  
13 and then it's not a household, it's an individualized  
14 number as well.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.  
16 That was based on looking at all active voters in the  
17 file, minus anybody who had requested an absentee  
18 ballot by mail or had come to the vote center as of  
19 the date we would cut it off. Obviously, we need to  
20 cut it off at some date.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. So it is active  
22 voters; it is not likely voters.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No.

1           CHAIRMAN PREISSE:  It's modeled on hard  
2 data not on estimates of who may or may not vote.

3           And you were helping me remember earlier  
4 that in the primary all voters in Franklin County at  
5 that time were sent a reminder postcard of where they  
6 were to vote in the primary.

7           DIRECTOR ANTHONY:  That's correct.

8           CHAIRMAN PREISSE:  Which is the same for  
9 the general, unless we change it, which we did in  
10 some precincts, a handful of precincts, or they moved  
11 or they're a new registrant, but in each of those  
12 three cases they still would have gotten a reminder  
13 card; is that right?

14          DIRECTOR ANTHONY:  That's correct.

15          DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH:  That's correct.

16          DIRECTOR ANTHONY:  And the theory behind  
17 this, too, since that was a primary election, most  
18 folks probably didn't bother to look at it because we  
19 sent it out during the primary election cycle.  The  
20 thought behind this was that we would send another  
21 out to remind folks one more time where the voting  
22 location is for the general election.

23          BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT:  Bear with me for a  
24 moment because I'm learning the subject.  So all

1 450,000 voters who would receive this written  
2 notification have already received a written  
3 notification this year as to where they vote. It's  
4 going to be a second mailing.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yeah.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Basically. But those  
7 who voted absentee will not get it. So we will back  
8 out everybody who actually voted an absentee ballot  
9 or showed up at the vote center which is the same  
10 thing as an absentee ballot.

11 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: And we know now  
12 that printing would be around 22,000, but there's a  
13 big cost range we're looking at on the mailing.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's correct. And  
15 we don't know what that number will be. We estimated  
16 about 450,000 out of almost a little over 700,000  
17 registered voters. So that number, I have no idea  
18 where that number may end up at. It may end up being  
19 500,000, it may end up being 350,000 depending on how  
20 many folks take advantage of early voting.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the later we do  
22 it, the better we are from a cost standpoint because  
23 we're continually backing people off the roll because  
24 they've showed up to vote early or they requested a

1 absentee ballot.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Right.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right. And it won't  
4 be effective unless we send it out probably a week  
5 before Election Day.

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Do you think  
7 that's enough time?

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It should be enough  
9 time. I mean it's something that we don't think  
10 should be sent out in two weeks. It should be sent  
11 out closer to November 6th.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Remind me, too, I  
13 should know this, but in our electronic advertisement  
14 that's out there, are we reminding voters how they  
15 can access the website to find out where their  
16 polling location is?

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So there's some of  
19 that information.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You can go on our  
21 webpage and you can do a number of things. You can  
22 find out where your voting location is, you can find  
23 out driving directions to the Early Vote Center.  
24 Those are the two major --

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Track the status  
2 of your absentee ballot --

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Right.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- to make sure  
5 we got your request, when we mailed your ballot out,  
6 when your ballot came back. Those are all things  
7 that are trackable on our website.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're suggesting we  
9 have a further discussion which we're having.  
10 Nothing to vote on today.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, I don't have the  
12 cost, but it will be something that we probably  
13 should -- we may have to have a special meeting  
14 because if we're going to do it, we ought to decide  
15 to do it and figure out what the cost would be.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Good  
17 discussion. Good questions. Need more information.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the  
19 agenda and I'm going to let Dana talk about this  
20 because you had the conversation.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And, again, if  
22 any of the members of the Board have questions on  
23 this, Zak Talarek from OMB can help us out. Zak,  
24 correct me if anything I'm about to say isn't

1 accurate.

2 But due to some changes in the law,  
3 because the Board of Elections is its own entity, and  
4 we opt to use the health benefits program prescribed  
5 by the county, we have to go into this program  
6 agreement, this cooperative program agreement, and  
7 formalize our already existing relationship with the  
8 county for providing health benefits to our  
9 employees.

10 So due to some law changes at the federal  
11 level?

12 MR. TALAREK: No.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No.

14 MR. TALAREK: This was actually --

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Zak Talarek.

16 MR. TALAREK: The General Assembly, last  
17 year, amended the statute that the county's benefits  
18 are offered under, Section 9.833 of the Revised Code,  
19 that requires a political subdivision that  
20 participates to have a written agreement.

21 And working with Nick Soulas at the  
22 Prosecutor's office, it was determined that the Board  
23 of Elections would qualify as a political subdivision  
24 as part of your ability to have contracting

1 authority. There's a couple of other agencies at the  
2 county as well that are going through this as well as  
3 some outside entities that participate in the  
4 county's benefits cooperative.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And this is  
6 basically formalizing what we already do with the  
7 county.

8 MR. TALAREK: And have been doing for  
9 years.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- and have been  
11 doing for years; formalizing it.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There's no change in  
13 the --

14 MR. TALAREK: None at all.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: In the operations and  
16 this is something Nick's handled --

17 MR. ANDERSON: Correct.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- not you, Harold.

19 MR. ANDERSON: Although, I handled it  
20 when I was with SWACO, we had the same issues with  
21 the county, so I've been on both sides of the coin on  
22 that.

23 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Counsel is  
24 agreeable to the form of the agreement?

1 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

2 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: And there's no  
3 substantive change.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any questions or  
5 comments further from the Board?

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I  
7 move that the Board authorize the Director and Deputy  
8 Director to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement  
9 with the Franklin County Administrator for the Board  
10 to be part of the Franklin County Cooperative Health  
11 Benefits Program.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,  
14 say aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It was seconded by  
17 Kim.

18 The next item on the agenda, you have in  
19 your packet a copy of our budget update for your  
20 perusal; take a look at it. It's a lot to look at  
21 right now. You can kind of look at it and at our  
22 next meeting you can ask questions.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're not getting an  
24 update, we're merely looking at --

1           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct,  
2 Mr. Chairman. It was just to provide you this. At  
3 this point we still have about \$3.3 million of what  
4 was allocated to us this year. We are doing, I  
5 think, a fairly good job at this point of staying  
6 within our budget. We are into our high season now,  
7 though, obviously, where we do have much more staff  
8 on board and things of that sort, but we feel  
9 confident that we'll get through the rest of the year  
10 with the money we have allocated to us, but this was  
11 for your perusal.

12           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I didn't get one.

13           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: You didn't get  
14 one?

15           DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, you didn't get  
16 one?

17           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We will get you  
18 one, Mr. Chairman.

19           BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I may be sitting  
20 on the Chairman's copy.

21           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Ah.

22           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There it is. Okay.  
23 I've got it. Good.

24           DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I know I passed

1 out four of them to somebody.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Very good.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If we might also  
4 just quickly, we delivered absentee voting machines  
5 up to the Early Vote Center today. There are a  
6 hundred machines ready to go for tomorrow and the  
7 beginning of early voting. We had a very good event  
8 on Friday to unveil the Early Vote Center.

9 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: How many press  
10 representatives were present for that?

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Five or six. We  
12 had all three TV stations, The Columbus Dispatch,  
13 WOSU. Anybody else on Friday?

14 MR. PISCITELLI: On Friday, all three TV  
15 stations, The Dispatch, WCBE, and WOSU radio.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have guests in  
17 the parking lot already?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We will this evening.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the Sheriff  
20 knows --

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- and it's going to  
23 be safe and nobody's going to be --

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I was informed that at

1 5:00 there will be some port-o-johns delivered and  
2 about, I was told, 100 to 150 folks would be camping  
3 out to be the first in line tomorrow morning. So I'm  
4 going to go by there after I leave here and check on  
5 it to see if in fact we have 100 campers out there  
6 this evening. I'm not camping out.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You know, our concern  
8 is for their safety, but everybody else's if they're  
9 sleeping on the parking lot ground --

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- what have you.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Our --

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The Sheriff, when do  
14 they begin?

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Today.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So they'll be there  
17 through the night.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right. They will be  
19 there 24/7 after the bomb sweep. They will not leave  
20 until the polls close.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Wow.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have escorts  
23 every night that will bring our staff, for any paper  
24 ballots that are done at the early vote site, to

1 escort them down so that those can be secured here at  
2 our office every evening. So we will have very  
3 strong security at the Early Vote Center.

4 One other very quick thing. We are on  
5 track for tomorrow with the beginning of absentee  
6 voting tomorrow. All absentee ballot applications  
7 that we have received in at this point for mail  
8 absentee balloting have been processed and will be  
9 going in the mail tomorrow.

10 Our staff has been working around the  
11 clock to make sure that every request that has come  
12 in up to this time is going out tomorrow. So  
13 tomorrow we'll be dropping about 120,000 pieces of  
14 mail with ballots on them.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So it begins.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And just so you guys  
19 know that I multitask, I painted the 100-foot line --

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What happened to that  
21 painter you found?

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That guy --

23 (Laughter.)

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He didn't show up?

1 (Laughter.)

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I panicked and decided  
3 I better get out there and help paint the line.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good work.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So it's not going to  
6 be perfect, but it will be yellow.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is it a little closer  
8 on the Democrat side?

9 (Laughter.)

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kind of waves.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Very well. Is that  
12 it?

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's all we have,  
14 Mr. Chairman. Adjournment is in order.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
16 move to adjourn.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

22 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at  
23 3:49 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, October 1, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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